

**SULPHONATED COMB POLYMERS HAVING A SELECTED  
LITHIUM/SODIUM RATIO AND PREPARATIONS INCLUDING SUCH  
POLYMERS**

**Abstract**

Water-soluble and/or water-dispersible comb polymers comprising a polymer main chain and polyester side-arms which contain sulfonic acid groups and which are linked to the polymer main chain via ester groups, wherein said side-arms have been at least partially neutralized by sodium and lithium cations, wherein the molar ratio of

5    lithium to sodium is between 0.1 and 50.